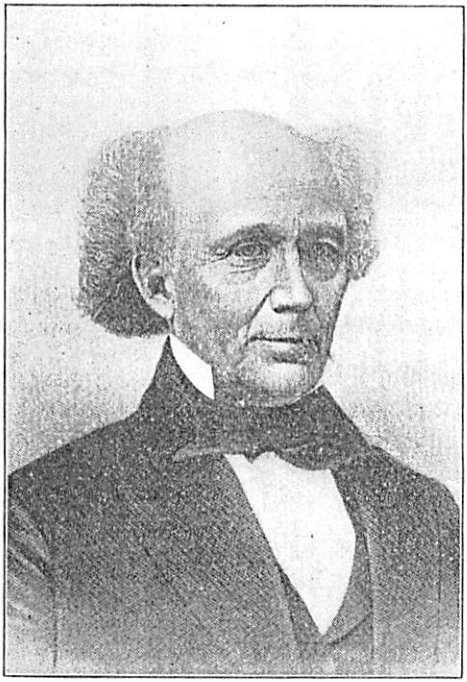
The Delegate to Congress. The man chosen to represent Utah in Congress was Dr. John M. Bernhisel. He was a gentleman of culture, well versed in the science of government, and a graduate from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. Utah had no political parties at that time. Delegate Bernhisel was chosen by the united people of the Territory.



DR. JOHN M. BERNHISEL.

The Legislature. The Legislative Assembly of the new Territory began its first session on the twenty-second of September, 1851, at Salt Lake City. It declared all laws made under the Provisional Government, such as did not conflict with the Organic Act, to be of full force and effect in the Territory of Utah.

The Territorial Capital. It had been the intention to locate the capital of Utah at Salt Lake City, and Union Square had been offered as a site for the proposed public buildings.* But now it was decided to choose a more central location, and this led to the cre-

*Union Square was afterwards given to the University of Deseret, which erected buildings thereon. Those buildings are now occupied by the High School of Salt Lake City.